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# Community

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## Fort Polk

[www.polkpicerne.com](http://www.polkpicerne.com)

### Neighborhood Offices

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## BUS STOP SAFETY TIPS

- Walk young children to the bus stop. Have older children walk in groups. There is safety in numbers.
- Practice good pedestrian behavior. Your children should walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, they should stay out of the street.
- If they must walk in the street, they should walk single file, face traffic and stay as close to the edge of the road as they can.
- Tell your child to stop and look left, right and then left again if they must cross the street. They should do the same thing at driveways and alleys.
- Don't let your child play running games or push and shove.


## Neighborhood Talks

Join us for a Neighborhood Talk. Come down to the multipurpose room at your Neighborhood Center and meet the Picerne Team!


- 13 Nov- Camellia Terrace 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 13 Nov- Palmetto Terrace 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Nov-Dogwood Terrace 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- 14 Nov-Maple Terrace 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## Service Schedules

Picerne Military Housing offers a variety of services to make your life easier. Don't forget to check out [www.polkpicerne.com/residents/calendar](http://www.polkpicerne.com/residents/calendar) for your trash, recycling, lawn care and pest control schedules.



Switch to LED (light-emitting diode) holiday lights! LED holiday lights use about 90 percent less energy than traditional mini-lights.




## Grease and the holidays

The holidays are the number one season for clogged sinks and sewer backups. To keep your pipes clear, dispose of grease, oils and fats with your regular trash.

## Don't forget to secure your home, if traveling for the holidays

Here are some helpful reminders to secure your home as you travel this holiday season:

- Notify your Neighborhood Office of your travels. We will make a note in your file, especially if a pet will be remaining in the home. Provide us with emergency contact numbers in case we need to contact you in the event of an emergency.
- When traveling out of town, make your home look lived-in. Ask a friend or neighbor to check your mail and pick up newspapers from your yard.
- If you have not already completed Permission to Enter (PTE) form, please do so. PTE forms will allow us to enter your home to perform routine maintenance while you are away.
- Clean out your refrigerator and set the temperature control higher to conserve energy. You'll be glad you did when you return home.



## APPLICATIONS

Our Family for Families First, John G. Picerne's private charitable foundation, is now accepting applications from children of active-duty Service Members for its college scholarship. Children applying for a scholarship must be graduating high school seniors with a minimum 3.0 cumulative un-weighted GPA at the time of application, and must attend a four-year institution. Applications are due February 14, 2013.

The Foundation is also now accepting applications from spouses of active-duty Service

Members for educational grants. The \$5,000 educational grants are open to students in any phase of education with plans to attend a community college, technical college, or university. Applications are due May 9, 2013.

Scholarship and grant applications for 2013 are now available online at [www.ourfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.ourfamilyfoundation.org).

Our Family for Families First was established to support the educational goals of children and spouses of active-duty Service Members. The Foundation offers up to \$50,000 college scholarships for active-duty Service Members' children and \$5,000 educational grants for active-duty Service Members' spouses. Children and spouses are eligible to apply if their Service Member is stationed at Forts Polk, Bragg/Pope AFB, Meade, Rucker, Riley, Sill or Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For additional information, please contact [info@ourfamilyfoundation.org](mailto:info@ourfamilyfoundation.org) or 401-228-2836.

## DO YOU EXPECT GUESTS DURING THE HOLIDAYS?



Please remember to contact your Neighborhood Office should any house guest stay in your home for longer than seven days. You can then register them as an official house guest. Registered guests are welcome to visit for no longer than 30 consecutive days. Guests are not allowed to stay in the home if they have been barred from the installation.

## HOLIDAY BRINGS CHANGES TO SCHEDULES

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, recycling and trash will be picked up on Friday and Saturday November 23-24. Please remember to place your recyclables curbside by 6:30 a.m. on these days to ensure pickup. Your Neighborhood Office will be closed on Thursday, November 22. The office will be open from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Friday, November 23.

### Upcoming Events

**November 13**  
Neighborhood Talks  
Info: 537-5000

**November 14**  
Neighborhood Talks  
Info: 537-5000

Stay up-to-date with Fort Polk's event calendar! Go to:  
[www.polkpicerne.com/residents/calendar](http://www.polkpicerne.com/residents/calendar)



## HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Before you begin the annual trimming of the tree there are some safety measures you should take.

Picerne requires all tree ornaments and decorations be noncombustible. Lights and lighting sets for use with trees must have the label of Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc. (UL) and be in good condition. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.

If you buy a fresh tree please note that, for safety reasons, they are not allowed to remain in homes longer than ten calendar days. When buying natural trees, we encourage you to:

- Check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break.
- Cut a few inches off the trunk to expose fresh

wood and set the tree in water.

- Place it in a stable container that will hold at least one, and preferable two, gallons of water.
- Keep the trunk base covered with water and check the water level each day.
- Keep the tree away from heat sources such as hot air ducts and television sets.

Outdoor decorations are encouraged. Residents may put out holiday outdoor decorations beginning the day after Thanksgiving. We require all decorations including lights be taken down no later than the first week of January.

If you use outdoor lights, make sure they have been certified for outdoor use. To hold them in place, string them through plastic holders. Lights must be turned off by 10:00 p.m. each night and remember to turn off all holiday lights when you leave the house.

